

## KEOWEE COURIER.

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## To the Press of the State.

We have been requested by the Committee of Invitation of the Tunnel Hill barbecue and mass meeting to extend an invitation to the members of the press of the State to be present on the 19th. A cordial welcome awaits them.

## The Quarterly Meeting.

The quarterly meeting, commenced by the Methodist denomination at this place on Friday, closed the succeeding Sabbath afternoon. Some six or more ministers were present, who labored with their usual warmth and zeal. The congregations were large, especially on the Sabbath; during which day, Rev. W. A. McSwain, the Presiding Elder of the Cokesbury district, delivered two sermons. Both have been commended to us for their earnestness, eloquence, and christian spirit.

The Methodists are without a house of worship in this place, and ways and means are being devised for the erection of one, comfortable and creditable to the cause and town. The denomination here, in numbers at least, is unable to bear the burden of the work, and we have to ask that our citizens generally throughout the district will lend a helping hand, promptly.

## Saleday and Blue Ridge Matters.

The attendance of persons on saleday was not large, and but few sales were made. In the afternoon, those who had partaken freely of "spirits," were, in some instances, unable to preserve their equilibrium. The signs betokened an election in the distance!

The Committee of Arrangements, appointed to prepare the barbecue at the Tunnel, &c. met in the Court House. Liberal subscriptions, in money and provisions, were handed in; and everything relating thereto moves on harmoniously.

Further subscriptions, when obtained, can be handed to Mr. Bowden, at the Tunnel.

We have been requested to state that vehicles will be on hand, at Pendleton, to convey persons to the mass meeting at the Tunnel. The drought was a subject of general remark, and, though not universal, is injuring the corn crop to a serious extent.

## Educational.

A worthy young man, Mr. A. P. Nicholson, has been recommended by the Board of Commissioners of Free Schools, as a beneficiary from this district to the South Carolina College. A pious and charitable lady of the district, we understand, furnishes such additional means as the necessities of the case require. We feel authorized in saying that the recipient of these favors will do them and himself credit, as well as honor his district and the institution which he proposes to enter.

## Rail Road Agent.

We are pleased to learn that O. H. P. FANT, Esq., has been appointed Agent of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, at Anderson. We congratulate the Company on the judiciousness of the appointment.

## Catalogues.

Two or three copies of the catalogue of Erskine College have been received. The number of students for the present year is put down at 126, which evidences increased usefulness for Erskine. We are gratified at this announcement, and commend the institution to the support of those who desire a thorough education of the mind and heart. The rates of tuition, healthiness of location, and cheapness of board, recommend it in the strongest possible terms.

A friend has placed us under obligations for a beautifully executed copy of the catalogue of the Valley Female Institute, at Winchester, Va. The number of students in attendance is 120. The already high reputation of this institute could not be added to by anything we might say in its behalf.

## Walhalla.

A correspondent of the Charleston Courier, writing from Walhalla, says:

"We breakfasted at Pendleton, and arrived in slow time at Walhalla. Mine host was Mr. BICKMAN, who keeps a good house, is a liberal provider, carried me to every place that I was desirous of visiting, and after all the liberties I had taken in house and with his horses and carriage, spared all rewards, and professed himself doubly paid. This was all very kind, and is duly appreciated, but in a worldly point of view, this liberality does not pay. I hope it may be to him like bread cast upon the waters, returning to him with rich blessings after many days."

"I believe I was informed that the first house in Walhalla was built only seven years ago. Already there is a town lining a street of a hundred feet wide and extending for a mile and a half in length, with seven hundred inhabitants. The buildings are not elegant, but neat and comfortable, generally painted white, surrounded by large and well cultivated vegetable gardens—indeed, they were decidedly the best cultivated and the most productive of any I have seen in the upper portions of the two neighboring States."

"On the whole, I am free to state that no town in Carolina, of the same size, with its surrounding farms, has ever risen so rapidly, or (deficient as it is at present, of a railroad, or commercial advantages) prospered more than Walhalla, during the short period since it emerged from a wilderness."

"I spent a Sabbath among these people, and am gratified to say that I found an orderly community, who paid all regard to the religious institutions of their forefathers, and who seemed to feel the importance of attending to the duties they owed their Creator and Redeemer. 'Tis often recall to mind with a calm, cheerful retrospect, the peaceful, quiet day of rest and of worship, I spent at Walhalla."

SUN STROKE.—Four persons, one of whom was a lady, died in Nashville, Tenn., last Tuesday, from sun-stroke.

## Pleasant Summer Resorts.

The season of the year is at hand when the up-country is filling with seekers after health and pleasure. The convocation at the Tunnel, now near at hand, must greatly increase the number, and we know of no better time to ask attention to the various points in our district, where pleasure and health may, at the same time, be successfully enjoyed and unsparingly courted.

First, by way of commencement, we may safely promise good roads, through an interesting and picturesque region, whose inhabitants are social, with a disposition to accommodate. On the north-eastern side, is the Table Rock, rising in grandeur and sublimity. Further north, is the Jesse Valley and White Water falls—a lovely natural valley, beautiful falls, with enchanting scenery surrounding the whole. At each of these places first rate accommodations may be had.

On the western side is Walhalla, a prosperous German village. Tunnel Hill, with its living stream of underground workers, Issaquena falls, once lovely and charming, but utilitarianised, and now driving a powder mill! There are other points, such as Oconee Station and Tamossa, of military incident and interest, which deserve passing notice, and cannot fail to attract, instruct and amuse the tourist.

On our borders is Caesar's Head, and the wit and kindly hospitality of Col. Hagood; the far famed Blue Ridge, with its bracing air and genial temperature; and Toccoa and Tullulah falls, the one lovely as the coy damsel, and the other terrible, in its general aspect, as nature could fashion it.

## News Summary.

The intelligence from Europe is important in some respects. The peace, so quickly entered into, is very generally condemned. In Italy, the Pope has been burned in effigy, and a general outbreak is feared. The English press also denounce the treaty. The idea is, that Italy is not relieved, and that the Emperors of France and Austria have a secret understanding as to future action.

A steamer from California brings \$2,100,000 in gold. Political excitement is running high in the golden State.

From the Isthmus of Panama comes news that gold, in large amounts, has been found on the bodies of the Indians in their graves. The country is being torn up. Hyena-like, in every direction in the wild hunt for filthy lucre. Verily, has sordid human nature no respect for the sanctity of the grave?

## Another New Map.

We are indebted to the publisher, Mr. J. H. HIGGINSON, for a capital map of the late "seat of war." Although unimportant now, by the time hostilities are again commenced, it may be of service. The map is colored, and the different points of note or interest correctly marked on its surface. We return thanks for our copy.

## Exchanges.

THE COURANT.—This is a literary journal published in Columbia, by WM. WALKER & Co., at \$2 a year, and edited with ability by H. H. CALDWELL, Esq. When the prospectus appeared some months since, we gave a liberal synopsis of it, with a favorable notice of the new enterprise, and entered it on our exchange list. But no response was made to it. However, last week, we received several numbers of the *Courant*, with a request to exchange, which we have complied with. A charitable spirit induces the belief that the act aforesaid was not intentional. With this understanding of the matter, we trust that we may plod well together for the future.

CAROLINA STAR.—This interesting and well conducted journal appears in new type, which greatly improves the general appearance of the paper—success to it. Spartanburg is blessed with two excellent papers, conducted by gentlemen of tact and ability. On the "Blue Ridge," they are not to our liking; but we would have them come to the Mass Meeting at the Tunnel on the 19th instant, and examine for themselves. This will pay, to say nothing of the pleasure of such a trip. Gentlemen! come over and bring your pens!

FRANKLIN OBSERVER.—The first number of this paper, published at Franklin, N. C., has made its appearance. Messrs. LEON F. SILER and C. D. SMITH are its editors; the price is \$1.50 a year. The enterprise has our best wishes for its success.

The volumes of the four "Reviews" and "Blackwood" commenced July, 1859. These works are interesting and valuable, furnishing an amount of matter obtainable nowhere else for the same price. "Blackwood" is \$3, for any of the "Reviews" \$3, and for the four "Reviews" and "Blackwood" \$10. Address L. Scott & Co., New York.

The August number of the "Knickerbocker"—rich, rare and racy—is on our table. It is the best magazine published in the country. J. A. Gray proprietor, New York: \$3 a year, with reduced rates for clubs.

TOUCHING STORY.—A touching story is related of a Zouave, who had picked up a wounded Austrian and was carrying him out of the melee. As he was trudging along with the man upon his back, he felt something cold upon his neck, and cautiously looking around perceived that the poor fellow, with a pair of scissors which he had contrived to draw from his pocket, was cutting off a lock of his preserver's hair to keep as a memento.

EDUCATIONAL STATISTICS.—There are 4,000,000 scholars, and 140,000 teachers in the public schools of the United States. There is one scholar for every five free persons. In Great Britain there is one scholar to every eight persons. In France, one to every ten.

FATAL MISTAKE.—John Charles, from South Carolina, died suddenly in Montgomery, Ala., on Tuesday, from taking by mistake, a dose of morphine for quinine.

## The Fashions.

The July report of the fashions will doubtless interest our lady readers, as well as others. We give an extract or two from an undoubted source:

"It is the trimmings of dress that the greatest changes are exhibited this season. There is a prevailing taste for introducing black with almost every color in trimmings, whether for dresses or bonnets. This fashion, which obtained last year, has been received; and revivals of much older fashions than this are now observable—for instance, feathers on Leghorn bonnets, and capots of lace, lined with pink or lilac. Wide ribbons at the waist are again in vogue, and they may be worn either with morning or evening costume. The materials in favor are jacquet, barege, and mohair, which is now made delicately fine and thin. Mantles and pelisses of the same material as the dress, are fashionable. The pelisse is trimmed either with a narrow flounce or a ruche of ribbon. When Chinese or silk muslins are worn they are ornamented with numerous flounces. The gilet body has displaced the jacket, which is now discarded. The sleeve has not undergone any striking alteration. It may be worn full or flat, and trimmed with bouillon or the elbow. The body may be made high and plain, buttoned down the middle with fancy buttons. The low body, with a high tucker, or a tippet formed of alternate rows of lace and ribbon, is also *la mode*. The pagoda sleeve, trimmed with bows of black velvet, has a stylish effect. Buttons are also used as trimmings for sleeves, and for the jacket, with which some bodies are finished off behind."

In bonnets, Leghorn and fancy straws are much worn. For a Leghorn bonnet feathers furnish the prettiest trimming, but for other kinds of bonnets, flowers are more in request than feathers. Wreaths of shaded violets, lilies of the valley, gillflowers and hyacinths are all in request. The wreaths are placed flat across the front, and in bouquets at each side, or else fasten behind and fall in ends over the curtain.

## Pennings and Clippings.

COTTON.—Cotton is selling in Charleston at 91 to 123 cents per pound.

FOR INDEPENDENCE.—An "Englishman" in Hamilton, C. W., with a large party there, now cry out for a dissolution of the Union with England, and demand a free system of self-government, asserting their claims to manage their own affairs as well as the people of Italy.

REVENUE.—A Cincinnati justice recently gave judgment in favor of a matrimonial broker for \$25 for obtaining a wife for a client. The latter, after marriage with the "article"—a fine, stout German girl—thought the price too extravagant.

"PISEN."—A couple of females at Cayuga, Canada West, went into the forest to cut material for hoops, being resolved to keep up with the prevailing fashion. They selected the stem of the "poison ivy," and after wearing the hoops a few days, were so dangerously affected as to require medical treatment.

A MAMMOTH BEET.—The *Anderson Gazette* tells of a beetle which weighed thirty-four and a half pounds and measured thirty-seven inches in circumference. Somebody is entitled to our title, somewhat worn though it be!

TERRIBLE.—Peter Arnold, a German living near Cedarville, killed his three children with an axe, and wounded a fourth, who is not expected to survive. He made no resistance when arrested, and assigned no cause for the murder.

CURIOUS CALCULATION.—It has been estimated that the hairs on the tip of a dog's tail of the average length of thirteen inches, (tail not hair), are made to traverse 264,332 miles, by the simple act of wagging during an ordinary happy life of nine years, two months and eleven days, which is the mean life time of the animal.

ARTESIAN WELL.—The artesian well at Charleston, S. C., is tubed to the depth of 1320 feet, and supplies 100,000 gallons every twenty-four hours.

A DUEL.—A duel was fought at Tiffin, O., on Thursday morning, between two young clerks named Hoy and Kelly. The ball of Kelly's pistol grazed the temple of Hoy, no damage being done to either party.

BIG STRAWBERRY.—The Pacific (Cal.) *Sentinel* acknowledges having received from a Mr. Sawin a large strawberry, of the Chile variety, which was grown in his garden at Santa Cruz. It measured eight inches in circumference, and is said by the *Sentinel* to be the largest strawberry on record.

THE MUSGROVE CELEBRATION.—The celebration of the battle of Musgrove's Mill will take place on the 18th inst. A Barbecue, costing \$2,000 is to be given.

IMMENSE IMPORTATIONS.—The dry goods entries at the New York Custom House the past week, amount to nearly "five millions of dollars," which is nearly a million in excess of the entries for the week before. The total for the fortnight is nearly "nine millions of dollars." The exact figures are \$8,987,823.

TERRIBLE GUNPOWDER EXPLOSION.—On the 20th inst., at Camargo, Ky., fire was accidentally communicated to a keg of powder in the store of Dr. Daniel, which exploded instantly, with a tremendous force, tearing the building to atoms, scattering goods and other property in every direction, and seriously, if not fatally, injuring eight persons.

RESCUED FROM A CONVENT.—The *Detroit Tribune* of the 19th inst., states that a young lady from Canada has just been rescued by her father from a convent in Toledo, Ohio, after a search of some six weeks.

STRAKE BUT TRUE.—The weather was hotter in Cincinnati than in New Orleans. This is remarkable. We do not believe the like ever occurred before. Week before last there was scarcely a large town or city but what there were one or more deaths from the intense heat. We have not been able to report, for want of room, the tenth death.

A DEAR KISS.—The Purdy (Tenn.) *Whig*

*Banner* says: During the session of the Circuit Court, Judge Walker fined a certain pious individual, once in good standing, \$50 for kissing a respectable lady against her wish and consent.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.—By the recent census, we see that the white population of Abbeville and some other districts, is on the decrease. The number of slaves in the former district in 1828 were 11,415; in '38, 13,360; in '48, 17,285; in '58, 19,808.

A CHARMING SWINDLER.—Miss Goddard, a charming young lady is in prison at Roxbury, Mass., for swindling. She victimized many shrewd business men by false checks in payment for loans.

TENDER HEARTED.—The most tender-hearted man we ever heard of was a shoemaker, who always shut his eyes and whistled when he run his awl into a sole.

FALLING.—Flour is rapidly falling under the promise of the new crop. Most kinds can now be bought in New York at three dollars a barrel cheaper than during the first week in April.

DEAD.—Ex-Gov. John Gayle, of Ala. (a native of this State) died on the 21st inst., near Mobile.

THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.—The next Electoral College, chosen in November, 1860, to meet in February 1861, will—if Kansas should be admitted at the approaching session of Congress—consist of 306 votes, 154 of which will be necessary for a choice for President. The non-slaveholding States will have 186 electors, and the slaveholding States 120.

A BRAVE CHAP.—There is a brave man at Vinegar Hill, in Jo. Davies' county Ill. He is only 22 years of age, says the *Galena Courier*, and has just become the fifth husband of a widow lady full sixty years old.

MISSIONS.—The receipts of the American Board of Missions for the month of June were \$28,205.23. These were donations—legacies were \$9,830.37. The total amount from August 1, 1858, to July 14, 1859, were \$255,451.01.

A MONSTER SHARK.—The Halifax (N. S.) *Journal* says that a shark measuring thirty feet in length, became entangled in the nets of a fisherman, near that place, some days since, and was killed with a spear. The liver of this monster filled two puncheons.

ARKANSAS CURRENCY.—After the 4th of July it will be unlawful for any person to pass or receive in the State of Arkansas, any bank bill of less denomination than ten dollars. After the 4th of July, 1860, no bill of less denomination than twenty dollars can be put or kept in circulation. This is approximately to specie currency.

CARS FOR EGYPT.—A firm of car builders at Springfield, Mass., have just received an order from the Pacha of Egypt for \$80,000 worth of passenger cars, two of which are to be furnished in Oriental style for the Pacha himself.

A MAN WITH THREE WIVES.—A man named Charles Tripp, is in jail at Louisville, Ky., on the charge of having three wives—one in Louisville, one at New Haven, and a third in Ohio. Tripp is a cabinet maker.

CHINAMEN AND ROSES.—Three hundred and thirty-two Chinamen arrived in San Francisco recently. A paper of that city also saw some thirty large full-blown roses growing on one stem of seven or eight inches in length.

A SCHOOLMASTER WANTED.—The last Legislature of Texas, it is said, contained thirteen "men of mark." Not one of them could write his name.

DIED OF GRIEF.—A man who resided in Fulton, Ohio, returned on Saturday last from the funeral of his wife, and going into his solitary home, sat down upon a chair and died within an hour. It is said the poor fellow "died of grief."

BLACKBERRIES.—It is stated that over \$30,000 have been realized the present season, in Cincinnati alone, for the sale of blackberries from Kentucky.

A GREAT CITY OF THE DEAD.—Greenwood Cemetery, near New York city, was founded in June, 1840, and from that month up to the 23d ultimo, 69,040 bodies took up their residence in the silent city. Greenwood will, in the end, outstrip New York, and ere many years, will count its dead by the millions.

ANOTHER CARGO.—A gentleman of Tallahassee, Florida, received a letter from Jacksonville on Monday last, postmarked 18th, on the back of which was endorsed "a cargo of six hundred Africans has been landed on the Florida coast, near SMITH'S."

OUR SEABOARD.—The line of coast belonging to the United States is very extensive. According to the report of the coast survey, there are 6,821 miles of Atlantic coast, 3,467 miles of the Gulf coast, and 2,281 miles on the Pacific—making a total of 12,569 miles.

AUGUSTA, July 26.—A fire occurred at Jacksonville, Fla., on the 17th, which destroyed the Buffington House and nearly the entire block. Loss, \$20,000.

TRUTH.—Liberty will not descend to a people; a people must raise themselves to liberty; it is a blessing that must be earned before it can be enjoyed.

AN UNGALLANT REMARK.—A young lady lately appeared in male attire in Baltimore; and one of the editors says her disguise was so perfect that she might have passed for a man, "had she a little more modesty."

A SWEET FIRE.—Six thousand hogheads of sugar were burned, by accident, in Cuba, on the 19th ult.

## THREE BELLIGERENTS.—The population of

France is about thirty-eight millions; of Austria nearly the same; and of Sardinia five millions. The army of Austria, seven hundred and fifty thousand; of France, six hundred thousand, and of Sardinia, one hundred thousand.

A HAPPY COUPLE.—A Frenchman aged fifty years, and a German woman of the same age, were recently married at St. Louis, the man not being able to speak a word of German, nor the woman a word of French.

BOOK OF POETRY.—The *Home Journal* says: Paul H. Hayne, one of the sweetest of Southern poets, has a new volume of Poems in press, which will soon be published by a Boston house.

AGRICULTURAL.—The seventh annual exhibition of the United States Agricultural Society, will be held this year at Chicago, commencing on the 12th of September. The list of premiums is large, and comprehends a great variety of matters relating to agriculture.

AGES OF THE BELLIGERENT MONARCHS.—Louis Napoleon was born April 20, 1808, and is now 51 years of age. Victor Emmanuel, II, the Sardinian King, born March 13, 1820, and is 39 years of age. Francis Joseph I, the Emperor of Austria, is 29 years of age, having been born August 18, 1830.

DROWNED.—James H. Chambers, of Charleston, a young man of promising and generous traits of character, was drowned on Friday last while on a pleasure excursion in the Bay.

THE BRITISH MINISTER IN MEXICO.—The charges against Mr. Olway have been so vigorous and so numerous that Lord John Russell, upon being questioned in debate, said—it was desirable that Mr. Olway should return home to answer the charges made against him.

## COMMUNICATIONS.

## FOR THE KEOWEE COURIER.

MR. EDITOR:—On Friday the 22nd, the examination at Liberty Church Academy came off. Early that morning in company with a friend, we started en route for the Academy, where we soon arrived, and found already assembled upon the ground quite a number of visitors. Ere long the examination commenced. The house was crowded to overflowing with gay belles and laughing beaux—loading mothers and fond fathers. The examination passed off very pleasantly, much to the satisfaction of all present. We had attended a good many examinations both at Academies and Colleges, and we can safely say that we have never seen so much coolness displayed. The pupils showed by their actions how much they esteemed their teacher. Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH deserves a great deal of credit for his skill in training the "young idea how to shoot." But at length in spite of the "fast of reason and flow of soul," the wants of the inner man would intrude themselves upon our notice. Accordingly we all repaired to the different carriages, buggies, &c., near at hand, and there discussed the rich viands placed before us by the "guide people." After dinner the examination was resumed and gone through with. The next thing on docket was the reading of compositions by the young ladies and gentlemen of the school. They were all written in an easy and graceful manner, with great beauty of language and elegance of diction. We do not hope to remember all the subjects, but we could not help observing the one on "The Beauties of Nature," and also the one on "Anger." The former showed that the fair author was well acquainted with the Book of Nature, and had studied well its beautified pages. The latter evinced great depth of thought and familiarity with the passions incident to frail human nature. But we are particularizing, and this should not be done where there were so many, and all so well done. This closed the exercises of the day. But the best part of all was reserved for night, and as soon as the shadows of night began to fall around, the busy crowd might be seen collecting from every direction, with smiling faces and pleasant words. At half past seven, the exercises commenced by an Introductory Address from Mr. J. A. McWHORTER. He thanked the audience very kindly for their attendance there, and went on to speak at length of the benefits arising from education and from our common school system. Taking all together, it was a very neat and chaste address, and won the smiles and applause of the audience. Next came some extracts spoken by the smaller boys, in which all did themselves credit. The next original speech was by Mr. SAMUEL A. JAMES, on "Pride." He treated his subject in a very skillful manner, and showed that he had studied human nature to some purpose. There was a vein of sarcasm running all through his speech, and he handled swell-heads, big-heads, &c., with gloves off. Here there were some more extracts spoken, together with some dialogues acted, interspersed with enlivening strains of music. The next original was by Mr. HARVEY JONES, on "Friendship." He treated his subject with a great deal of ease, and seemed to be at no loss whatever. His speech attracted a good share of attention, and the audience showed that they appreciated his remarks. After another interval of dialogues, extracts and music, Mr. B. F. MADDEN was announced to speak on "Education." This gentleman handled his subject in a masterly style, and portrayed in glowing colors the advantages of a good education, and spoke of it as a main support to society and government. If spared, he will make his mark. Another interval, and Mr. S. F. HOLLINGSWORTH was introduced, and delivered a very neat, tasty and appropriate address on "Never sound the trumpet of your own fame." It abounded in good sense and sound advice—such as will do to follow. After this, Mr. J. J. NORTON was introduced to the audience, he having been invited to deliver an Address on the occasion. He spoke for some time on the "Will of Man." He held his audience enchained by the beauty of his language and the force of his expression—the extensive research which it exhibited, and his thorough acquaintance with the classics. Mr. NORTON is a young man of promise, and bids fair to carve out a fortune for himself as fast as Time—to climb high the hill of fame, and to enroll his name upon the highest pinnacle. Long may the memory of the 22nd of July live. May it be a green spot in the memory of all, to cheer them on their way through life.

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## Court in Greenville.

INTERESTING CASES.—We copy the following from the *Greenville Enterprise*: The extra term of the Court of Common Pleas is still in session. Since our last issue, a few cases of general interest have been decided, which we are induced to publish, inasmuch as the community generally has shown much attention to them during their progress.

We mentioned, in our issue of last week, the case of W. D. Dickey vs. the Mush Creek and South Tyger Drainage Company, which had not been concluded at the time of going to press. In this case, a verdict for the plaintiff for \$760 was rendered.

The next case was that of Peter McGovern et al. against John Cooper and Jeremiah Satterfield, brought to recover damages for injury done to land of plaintiffs by defendants' mill dam. The plaintiffs recovered damages to the amount of thirteen dollars—a sufficient sum to carry costs, which will, perhaps, amount to one thousand dollars! Three acres of land, the amount proven to be damaged by the erection of the dam, and worth about one hundred and fifty dollars, have cost the parties to this suit more than five times the value of property involved. These were the only cases of interest tried last week. Appeals, in both cases, have been taken, and what the ultimate decisions will be is, of course, matters of conjecture.

But the case of the term, if we may so speak, was that of Giliee Gunter vs. Wm. E. Wickliffe, which was commenced on Wednesday morning last, and concluded on Tuesday afternoon. This was an action of slander brought by a handsome-looking girl of about seventeen summers, to recover damages for slanders, which she alleged had been uttered and published by the defendant. It appears that the fair plaintiff was engaged to be married to the son of a neighbor, a worthy and clever young gentleman. The defendant, who was a neighbor, and regarded as a friend to the father of the young man, told the father that the girl to whom his son was engaged, was not virtuous, and that he felt it his duty as a neighbor and a friend to tell him so. This information caused the match to be broken off, whereupon the plaintiff brought her action to recover damages. Whether the reports conveyed to the father was done so maliciously, was not proven. The law, however, presumes this to be the case. To the declaration of the plaintiff, the defendant put in his plea of justification, and endeavored to prove the young girl all that he said she was. Much that was proven was not at all creditable to the parties, and for a while, the character of the plaintiff suspended upon a very light foundation. The case was ably argued by Messrs. C. P. Sullivan and J. P. Reed for the defence, and by Maj. B. F. Perry for the plaintiff. The argument of the latter gentleman was, indeed, the ablest effort we ever heard him make. He occupied the undivided attention of the court, jury and the crowded courtroom for upwards of two hours. The case was submitted to the jury by his Honor Judge Whitner, after a brief charge. The jury returned a verdict yesterday morning for the plaintiff of \$1,000.

It is not at all likely that the docket will be cleared during the present session. Several important cases must remain over until October Term.

AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO POLITICAL HISTORY.—The South Carolinian, published at Columbia, contains a long and elaborate communication from the Hon. F. W. Pickens, our present minister to Russia on several very important subjects connected with the political history of this country. It was written at St. Petersburg, and is designed to be a vindication of Mr. Calhoun and President Polk from certain allegations contained in Col. Benton's "Thirty Years in the United States Senate," relating to the annexation of Texas, the tariff, the visit of Mr. Pickens to Mr. Polk, the dismissal of Messrs. Blair and Rives from the "government organ," and many other matters of interest. The publication of this remarkable "refutation" would have been made at an earlier period, but for the death of Colonel Benton in the spring of 1856. As Mr. Pickens was the original and now sole depository of the facts upon which Col. Benton's representations are alleged to have been founded, he deems it proper at the same time to make a full and true statement of everything that has transpired in the visit alluded to in Col. Benton's book. Col. Pickens contradicts the statements made by Benton.

## Washington Constitution.

EXTENSIVE ARRIVAL OF BLACKS FROM CANADA, EN ROUTE FOR THE SOUTH.—Sixteen fugitive Slaves on the back track.—Yesterday morning the packet Union arrived from Port Stanley, Canada, with sixteen fugitive slaves, who had escaped from the South at various periods within the last two years, and who had been living at the negro settlement at Chatham, Canada West. Becoming weary of Canadian freedom, which to many blacksmen embraces the exalted liberty of going inadequately clothed, and of being nearly starved to death, they were about to return to the South, preferring plantation life to the responsibilities attendant on a state of existence for which circumstances have rendered them peculiarly disqualified.

One family, consisting of a colored man, his mother, wife and three children, who escaped from near Paris, Kentucky, about one year ago, after the experience afforded by a hard Canadian winter, began to sigh for their "Old Kentucky Home," and a short time ago they wrote to their master informing him of their desire to return, and requesting him to meet them at Cleveland. When they arrived on the packet their old master was there to meet them, and they expressed their gratification at the meeting in a manner which denoted a sincere regard for him. "Old Aunty," a venerable negress, whose black and shining face stood out in strange contrast with her hair, white as the driven snow, took occasion to press